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2 held for fabricating evidence in '82 Katz slaying
 BILL HUTMAN

TWO suspects connected with five men serving life sentences for the brutal murder of Danny Katz over a decade ago were detained yesterday by police, on allegations they tried to fabricate evidence that would secure the men's release.

The arrests followed over a month of intensive investigation by police into the new "evidence" presented by the suspects, which at first glance appeared to necessitate the reopening of the entire Danny Katz case, which shook the nation in the mid-1980s.

Police even obtained a court order forbidding the publication of details of the investigation, an order that was lifted by the Petah (Continued on Page 2)



Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai (left) talks with a Palestinian merchant yesterday during a visit to Hebron. Story, Page 2. (Defense Ministry)

Netanyahu: Netzarim is touchstone for Hebron

BATSHEVA TSUR and HERB KEINON

THE way Palestinians and Israelis resolve tension over Netzarim is "a touchstone" for successfully winding up the Hebron negotiations, which have remained static for a month, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said yesterday.

Netanyahu said he had sent a message to this effect to Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat on Sunday night. Over the past two days the IDF has moved tanks to Kibbutz Nahal Oz and armored personnel carriers to Netzarim junction to ensure it remains open.

"I viewed with gravity the attempt to create tension in Netzarim," Netanyahu said as he answered questions at a joint press conference with Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma.

"Both sides have to choose between cooperation and increasing trust or deterioration and reducing trust. This is the touchstone for completing the negotiations [over Hebron] and I hope that [the former] is what the other side wants," said Netanyahu.

"If anyone on the Palestinian side thinks that a policy of provocations to create friction bordering on violence will be diplomatically fruitful, they are mistaken," he added.

Netanyahu said Israel would respond lethally to such a policy, but instead offers the Palestinians

a policy of dialogue. "I think the Palestinians understood the message that they will not get anywhere by using force," OC Southern Command Shlomo Yanai said yesterday at a press briefing. "We brought force to the junction, and if we need to we will bring additional force and all measures needed, including tanks."

PM blames Palestinians for stalled talks, Page 2

The Netzarim junction, blocked by Palestinians on Sunday, was open to traffic yesterday. Yanai said the roadblock was orchestrated by Arafat.

Shlomo Kostiner, the Netzarim spokesman, said that in discussions between IDF representatives and Palestinians on Sunday, it was made clear the IDF would use any measure to ensure the junction remains open.

Sunday night the IDF, in retaliation, closed the road in front of Kfar Darom to Palestinian traffic. The Palestinians reopened the Netzarim junction shortly afterward.

"We have solutions on a number of different levels, not only the use of force," Yanai said. "We prefer dialogue and not force. Our ability to close the [Gaza] Strip is large and varied, and they got the message."

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Three Israelis identified among crash victims

BATSHEVA TSUR and news agencies

THREE Israelis missing in Saturday's crash of hijacked Ethiopian Airlines Flight 961 in the Comoro Islands were yesterday identified by members of the Israeli task force that flew to the scene.

Two of the victims are Israel Aviation Industries employees Shiraz Bar-Nissan, 50, of Carmel Yosef, director of IAI's Lahav subsidiary, and Amir Ben-David of Netanya, who headed the company's marketing division for Africa. (Story, Page 2) They had held talks with the Ethiopian authorities about upgrading the (Continued on Page 5)

High Court upholds law barring import of non-kosher meat

EVELYN GORDON

BOTH the "override" clause in the Basic Law: Freedom of Occupation and the law banning imports of non-kosher meat are constitutional, nine High Court justices ruled unanimously yesterday.

The court was ruling on a petition by Meatreal Ltd. and two other non-kosher meat importers against a 1994 law banning such imports. While the petition did not attack the override clause per se, the court's acceptance of the petition would have rendered the clause impotent.

The override clause permits 61 MKs to pass laws violating the principles of the Freedom of Occupation Law, even if they do not serve "an appropriate purpose according with Israel's values as a Jewish and democratic state." It was added primarily to enable passage of the meat law.

Meatreal's petition argued that even with the override clause, however, the Knesset could not pass laws which violate the most fundamental principles of the Basic Law, as set out in its introductory paragraph. Furthermore, the petition said, the meat law violated several principles enshrined in the Basic Law: Human Dignity and Freedom: Equality, religious freedom, and property rights. Since there is no override clause in this Basic Law, these violations make the meat law unconstitutional, the petition argued.

Court President Aharon Barak, who wrote the opinion, dismissed Meatreal's first argument on the grounds that even if there were principles so fundamental that they could not be violated by the override clause, the meat law certainly did not affect any of them. The infringement on the petitioners' freedom of occupation is very limited, since they can still import kosher meat freely, he said.

Regarding the alleged infringement of the Human Dignity and Freedom Law, Barak began by assuming, for the sake of argument, that (Continued on Page 2)

Labor leaders meet in bid to defuse tensions

MICHAL YUDELMAN

LABOR leaders are trying to reach an agreement between the rival camps in the party before Thursday's central committee meeting, to avoid a confrontation over the schedule of the party's convention and leadership showdown.

Meanwhile, the rival Labor camps continued exchanging barbs and accusations.

Labor leader Shimon Peres yesterday met candidates MK Ehud Barak - considered the favorite - and MK Haim Ramon separately, to discuss the possibility of reaching a compromise over the issue.

Barak met with MK Ephraim Sneh, himself a candidate for the leadership, on Sunday night and had several talks with MK Uzi Baram, a potential candidate, in an attempt to reach a compromise agreement.

Ramon yesterday urged Peres to present a clear position to the central committee members and tell (Continued on Page 9)



Labor MK Ehud Barak (Data Service/Israel Sun)

them what he wants, adding to close friends that unless Peres does so, "he should go home." Ramon said Peres agrees to the compromise that he and MKs Beilin, Sneh, Baram and others were proposing to have the convention next April and the leadership showdown in June.

IDF soldiers to brush up on dental care

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

THE drill sergeant's instructions are loud and clear:

"Tooth brush in your right hand unnap!"

"Tooth brush in you mouth iii-iiii!"

"Up down, left right!"

"Up down, left right!"

Well, maybe not. But the army has taken it upon itself to teach its soldiers something it seems some of their parents never told them: it's healthy to brush your teeth, and don't forget to floss, too.

Starting next year, special "dental hygiene squads" will assault decay in the mouths of IDF troops.

Deploying in basic training camps and some courses, the squads will gather recruits into small groups and actually teach them how to brush and floss and use a toothpick and not eat so many sweets. And for the stub-

born, glossy photos of rotten teeth and bleeding gums may help get the message across to the captive audience that bad teeth is nothing to smile about.

"Dental hygiene is best taught during childhood. But the situation today is that the Ministry of Health has not done enough to ensure this so we in the IDF are bringing the message," said Lt. Col. Dr. Yitzhak Zilburg, head of dental health in the IDF. "The goal is to increase the awareness of dental hygiene among troops."

Tooth brush training will not be limited to recruits and the tooth brush squads will seek out and instruct those in the permanent forces too, the army said. It will also make sure mess halls have a healthy supply of toothpicks avail-

able and the local PX is equipped with all the necessary teeth care equipment like floss, paste and spare brushes.

"I don't know if the IDF has to be the national caretaker, but this

information war, this attack is in essence part of our preventive medicine doctrine. If in the years that they are in the army we are able to teach soldiers good dental hygiene awareness then we will have made a contribution to society," said Zilburg.

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Missing passengers' families face the darkest news of all

THE families of the missing IAI employees and others from the skyjacked Ethiopian airlines plane had given up hope yesterday, and began to realize that their loved ones were most probably dead.

By yesterday evening three bodies had been identified by the special team sent to the Comoro Islands.

Shraga Ben-Nissan, of Karmei Yosef, was the managing director of the IAI's Lahav factory, which manufactures military aviation equipment. He and Amram Ben-David, of Netanya, manager of the company's Africa division were positively identified, and their

families notified. The two, together with two other IAI employees, were in Africa on official business.

Moshe Keret, CEO of IAI, said yesterday that both Bar-Nissan and Ben-David were among the best in the industry had known.

"Shraga was one of the most talented people I have met and was due for promotion," said Keret. "He brought Lahav to great achievements and had wonderful contacts in Europe, Africa and South America. He was energetic, had integrity and the ability to meet both the company's and clients' commitments." Bar-Nissan is survived by his wife Nehama and

three children.

Ben-David, said Keret, built a network of contacts in Africa "with his own hands," where he was involved with manufacturing and development. He was also considered an outstanding employee. He began working for IAI in 1978, as an engineer, and was appointed to his current position last April. His colleagues described him as "professional, pleasant and polite."

The two additional IAI employees, 53-year old Gadi Levy, in charge of special projects,

and electronics engineer Yehuda Soroka, are also presumed dead.

The body of 30-year old student Ya'acov Brown, of Tel Aviv, was also identified yesterday. Prior to the tragic news, his sister Orit said that the family had feared the worst.

"When he was in the IDF," she said, "he was involved in dangerous missions. But now our fears and intuitions are worse."

Brown was on a three-month tour of Africa, where he had met Lior Fuchs, who survived the crash. He had let an elite police unit, and was about to start work with a security related institution here. He is survived by his parents

and two sisters.

Others feared dead are ECI employee Yehozkel Raz, 40, of Tel Aviv. ECI specializes in telecommunications, including hi-tech equipment used by governments, military and security bodies, and operates here, in China, South America and Africa.

Father of two Eli Levkovitz, 40, of Herzliya was also still missing, presumed dead last night. Levkovitz was the regional marketing manager of a subsidiary of Clal, which specializes in the manufacture and development of optic-laser equipment, used in aviation and weaponry.

Netanyahu blames PA for Hebron stalemate as talks resume

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN, BATSHEVA TSUR and news agencies

PRIME Minister Benjamin Netanyahu yesterday again placed the blame for the Hebron stalemate squarely on the Palestinians. "The world does not buy the story that Israel is holding up the talks," he told a press conference in Jerusalem.

"The Palestinians have to make a decision in favor of cooperation and certainly not in favor of friction... and when they do, I see no obstacle" to completing an agreement.

Netanyahu proposed to Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat several days ago that they hold a summit meeting to end the deadlock over the Hebron deal, Channel 1 reported last night. The report said Arafat had not yet responded.

Talks on IDF redeployment in Hebron resumed last night for the first time this week.

In a letter to chief Israeli negotiator Dan Shomron, reported by AP, Palestinian counterpart Saeb Erekat said the expansion of Israeli settlements would lead Israel and the

Palestinians back into confrontation. Erekat said the decision by the Israeli government to build new homes in West Bank settlements "is not only a violation of the signed agreements, but also buries the hoped-for expectations of peace."

Meanwhile, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai ventured out of his armored car and took a walk down the contested Street of the Martyrs in Hebron yesterday, shaking hands and speaking fluent Arabic with Palestinians, meeting with Jewish settlers, and talking with IDF troops.

It was Mordechai's fifth visit to the town in less than two months and comes as both he and Netanyahu have accused Arafat with delaying the agreement on redeployment.

Accompanied by Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak and other senior officers and flanked by no fewer than nine bodyguards, Mordechai strolled down

Shuhada Road. Hebron Brigade commander Col. Gadi pointed out to Mordechai the boundaries between Palestinian-controlled H-1 and H-2, which will be under IDF supervision.

Pausing at the Avraham Avinu neighborhood, Mordechai spoke with Jewish settlers and then moved on to the market. He shook hands with Arab merchants, who urged him to agree to Palestinian demands to reopen Shuhada Road, where some of them had shops.

Mordechai shook their hands, mostly listened and said little.

Israel closed the road following the February 1994 massacre of 29 Moslem worshippers by Baruch Goldstein in the Cave of the Patriarchs and the Palestinians are demanding it be reopened. Jewish settlers say to do so would harm their security and Israeli officials have accused the Palestinians of manipulating it as a pressure tactic.

"It is difficult for me to understand



why the chairman of the Palestinian Authority does not accept the correct decisions in order to come to a signature of the agreement and progress in the process," Mordechai told reporters.

But he added he is certain an agreement is imminent and that the redeployment would take place "in a very short time."

Mordechai instructed IDF commanders in Hebron to prepare for the redeployment with reinforced troops, but ordered them not to carry out any unilateral actions until the agreement is signed, defense ministry officials said.

Palestinian bought camera to catch border policemen

BILL HUTMAN

AZZAM Maraka, a Jerusalem money changer, was by chance staying at his sister's home just north of the city about six weeks ago, when he heard a suspicious noise outside, and looked from the apartment window to see two border policemen crouched in ambush position.

What Maraka then saw, and filmed - the border policemen beating Palestinian workers - grabbed domestic and international attention. For Maraka, a 41-year-old father of six, it was a dream come true.

"I have been beaten by border policemen, as have my brothers, and many people I know," Maraka said yesterday, sitting in his office on Sultan Sulaiman Street, near the Old City.

"About three months ago, when I was in Holland on business, I bought a small video camera, so I could take pictures of what the border policemen do to us. I wanted to show the Jews, the Israeli street, how we are being treated," Maraka said.

The 35-minute video footage taken by Maraka is the major piece of evidence being used by the state in the prosecution of border policemen Tzahi Shmaya and David Ben-Abu. The footage was shown for the first time last week on Channel 1.

"I live with my family in [the eastern Jerusalem neighborhood] of Ras Al-Amud, but by chance was staying over at my sister's apartment in A-Ram," said Maraka, recalling the incident.

"I woke up at 5:20 in the morning, to go to the mosque and pray. When I returned to the apartment, I heard noise outside,

and looked outside and saw two border policemen crouched along the side of a nearby building," Maraka said.

"I waited five or six minutes, and then they arrested the first two, or maybe three [Palestinian workers, who were trying to enter Israel without permits]. In all they detained six," said Maraka, whose sister's third floor apartment is near the A-Ram checkpoint into Jerusalem.

"Right away, the border policemen started hitting them. They called them, 'maniacs,' 'sons of a bitches,' and threatened them."

Maraka rejected the argument of the border policemen's lawyers that the Palestinian workers provoked the abuse.

Maraka said he turned on his camera just minutes after the incident began, and kept it on, changing cassettes once, until the border policemen took the six Palestinian workers away.

The entire time, he stood by the window, filming the scene below. "I wasn't scared. I knew that they couldn't see me, said Maraka, who described himself as a successful Palestinian businessman. In addition to the money changing shop in Jerusalem, he said he has seven souvenir and jewelry stores in Bethlehem.

Maraka said he didn't go directly to the media, having second thoughts about whether it would interest anyone.

Last week, however, Maraka showed the video to Palestinian photographer Mahfouz Abu

'Class of '96' T-shirt shows bound Arab, haredi men

In a boast of toughness, graduates of a Border Police training course ordered custom-made "Class of '96" T-shirts showing a Palestinian and a haredi man bound to a tree, a spokesman for the force confirmed yesterday.

The tree symbolizes a Border Police unit known as "Erez," Hebrew for cedar. The recruits involved in having the T-shirts printed will be disciplined, said Border Police spokesman Yehoshua Bauer.

Border Police commander, Yisrael Sadan, considered the shirts "childish" but did not think they insulted Palestinians and haredim, Bauer said. (AP)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Court orders show-cause in Federman case
The High Court of Justice gave the state seven days yesterday to justify the administrative detention of former Kach spokesman Noam Federman. In a rare move, the justices issued the show-cause order without even examining the classified evidence against Federman, saying the case raised many questions irrespective of the weight of this evidence. The order requires the state to justify why Federman is being detained and why an alternative to arrest is not possible. Federman's attorney said the army fears he will instigate protest activity against the withdrawal from Hebron, which in turn could lead to bloodshed. *Evelyn Gordon*

Mordechai denies making political appointments
Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai flatly denied yesterday he made any political appointment of Likud members into key military industry jobs, his spokesman said. Mordechai was reacting to a report on Channel 1 TV which said he appointed four Likud Party activists as directors in the military industries. The four were party branch heads, the TV said. Quoting from a Likud Party document announcing their appointment, chairman of the forum of branch heads praised the four and said they had the minister's blessing. It also urged the appointees to push their Likud Party beliefs in their new positions, the TV said. A statement from Mordechai's office said the defense minister made no appointments to the management of defense industries. *Arieh O'Sullivan*

SLA soldier lightly wounded in security zone
A South Lebanese Army soldier was lightly wounded during heavy exchanges in the security zone yesterday as fighting in the region continued unabated. The incident happened when gunmen opened fire with a barrage of mortars at the SLA's Alman position in the Shomriya region in the zone's central sector. According to reports from Lebanon several rounds hit the fortified outpost, wounding the soldier. Hizbullah claimed responsibility for the attack which prompted heavy return fire, lasting several hours. *David Rudge*

Kaddoumi: Suicide attacks on Israel justified
A senior aide to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat was quoted yesterday as saying suicide bomb attacks by Islamic militants were justified because of Israel's behavior. Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization's political department, said in an interview published in the London-based *Al-Wasaf* magazine that the Israeli government's policy of building more settlements in the West Bank is pushing Palestinians toward resistance. *AP*

KOSHER

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Meatreal was correct in all its assumptions: The meat law does violate equality, freedom of conscience, and property rights; all three of these are protected by the Human Dignity and Freedom Law; and the law does not serve an "appropriate purpose."

However, he continued, if even a minor violation of the Human Dignity and Freedom Law were enough to make the meat law unconstitutional, the override clause would become meaningless. This would violate the basic principles of constitutional interpretation, which require that every part of the Basic Law serve some function.

Therefore, Barak said, a law passed thanks to the override

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Tikva Magistrate's Court yesterday evening after the arrests were made.

Police sources identified the suspects as a relative of one of the five men convicted of the murder and a lawyer also connected with the case. The two will likely be remanded tomorrow.

The investigation quickly revealed that the new evidence, which centered on the confession of another prisoner who said he and three other men, not those convicted, murdered Katz - was problematic at best, the sources said.

Investigators with the Police Serious Crimes Division did not want to take chances and thoroughly checked out the confes-

KATZ

sion, finally determining that it was unfounded, the sources said.

However, in a statement released last night, the police spokesman said the investigation continues, leaving open the possibility of additional developments.

Katz, a young Haifa boy, was raped and murdered in 1982. His body was found in December of that year in a wadi near the Galilee village of Sakhnin. Five area Arab residents were later arrested and convicted, although to this day they protest their innocence.

Adel Abu Hussein, the prisoner who recently confessed to the

murder, and even signed a statement to that effect, is believed to have been either paid off or threatened, according to police sources.

Abu Hussein first contacted a retired police officer, Ezra Goldberg, involved in the original murder investigation, Israel Television reported last night. "He said it bothered his conscience that people were serving time for the Danny Katz murder who didn't do it," Goldberg said.

"He told me that he and several others had done it," Goldberg said, recalling the events that led to the investigation being reopened last month. The investigation, which eventually showed the confession to be unfounded, was headed by Dep.-Cmdr. Zion Sasson.

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The Hebron litmus test

A few months ago, the government's willingness to leave Hebron was declared to be the litmus test of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's commitment to the peace process. But since the outbreak of violence in September following the opening of the Western Wall Tunnel exit, Netanyahu has been trying to get out of Hebron, and Yasser Arafat has been in no hurry to let him.

Hebron - provided there is a will and interest to accommodate. The real question is whether that interest exists. On the Israeli side, it is likely that some compromise can be reached on the issue of "hot pursuit" that would involve a Palestinian role of some type. Indeed, Israel has already shown that it is extremely reluctant to use the right to reenter Palestinian areas that it already has under the Oslo Accords.



Compliance & defiance

P. DAVID HORNIK

HERE'S a sample of Mideast events over the past several months: Turkey elected its first Islamist prime minister, who proceeded to strengthen ties with Iraq and Iran. Forces loyal to Saddam Hussein invaded parts of northern Iraq.

attacks in southern Lebanon and warnings of terrorist bombings in Israel suggest a reality that is very far from peace. Given the record of Western attempts to impose order on the Middle East we should not be surprised if the US-directed appeasement project has failed to stabilize our area.

Skin deep

GWYNNE DYER

THE Miss World contest is a dumb relic of the '50s and not an intolerable assault on anybody's traditional culture. Yet it managed to shake loose all the nuts in India. The most extreme was Kinay Narayana Shashikala, a law student whose "Forum for Awakening Women" had previously restricted itself to demanding censorship of suggestive dance movements in Hindi films.

Reaction in India to the Miss World pageant was much ado about nothing. Or was it?

ly passe; it monopolized headlines in India for weeks. National newspapers wrote leaders about it. The right-wing Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the old-left Communist Party of India (Marxist) both insisted it was a plot by Western multinationals to subvert Indian culture and promote foreign goods.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WOMEN OF THE WALL

Sir, - I refer to MK Yigal Bibi's remarks about the Women of the Wall, as reported by you on November 14.

He most certainly does not represent "all the women of Israel" and anyone who believes one group of Jews belongs at "theaters, discotheques and beaches" and another group at the Wall can only be called allegedly religious - at best.

BAKOL RUBEN GELLAR Jerusalem.

PALESTINIAN STATEHOOD

Sir, - Daoud Kuttab ("Equal rights for all," November 12) states that "those who are opposed to Palestinian statehood need to come up with logical answers that Palestinians will agree to."

Kuttab must know full well that neither the government nor the vast majority of the Israeli people will agree to Palestinian statehood. In view of Arafat's intentions to destroy the Jewish State (promised in speech after speech), his refusal to abrogate the PLO Covenant and keep his Oslo commitments, the most that the Palestinians will achieve is autonomous areas

PUERTO RICO

Sir, - Having lived in Puerto Rico for 22 years before making aliya in 1987, and being a frequent visitor to the island, I can tell you that Puerto Rico does not have a "representative" in the US Congress.

JACOBO GOLD Kfar Shmaryahu.

NOT SERIOUS

Sir, - Your editorial of November 11, "Altered states," in which you try to fathom the government thinking regarding the future of the peace process, was amazing: Puerto Rico, Andorra, a state like no other, long on flags and stamps and short on arms, and your own version of the demilitarized state, carefully watched in case it rears.

VICTOR BLOOM Amiad.

HAJ AMIN EL-HUSSEINI

Nazi activities, denies or casts doubt on other parts, and distorts the moral meaning of his pro-Nazi and pro-Holocaust exertions... El-Peleg takes pains to cast doubt on one of the incriminating pieces of evidence against Hussini. He writes that "those who saw him [Hussini] as a partner to the Nazi crimes" reported "that he asked of the Germans that, upon their arrival in the Middle East, they allow the Arabs to solve the Jewish Question in Palestine and the other Arab countries in accord with the interests of the Arabs and in the same ways in which this problem was solved in the Axis states."

Haj Amin El-Husseini

had made such a request of the Germans. What El-Peleg fails to say is that a nearly identical request is reported in a book by Hussini's Arab admirer, the historian Majid Khadduri (Independent Iraq, London, 1960; p. 185), a book listed in El-Peleg's bibliography.

The peace camp's shame

PEOPLE used to say to my German-born mother-in-law, "You've lived in Israel for 50 years and you still don't speak Hebrew. Aren't you ashamed?"

Secular, democratic, liberal society must unite and fight for our values and our state

of the haredi-religious bloc, the Oriental-secular-traditional bloc and the Russian bloc. The Ashkenazi-secular bloc and the Arab bloc made up the leftist camp. But in politics nothing is a given. The division between the camps is not by divine decree.

stance of the point of this rabbinical story: Two carts are proceeding in opposite directions on a narrow bridge. The religious cart is loaded, the secular cart is empty. The empty cart, naturally, should give way to the full one.

The elections demonstrated that the public is split into five blocs. The rightist camp is compromised

THE TENS of thousands of young people shown on TV huddled over memorial candles could turn into warrior troops just like Habad. They need leadership, a fighting spirit and a call to arms for a massive political struggle.

The author is a writer and translator living in Jerusalem.

ly passe; it monopolized headlines in India for weeks. National newspapers wrote leaders about it. The right-wing Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the old-left Communist Party of India (Marxist) both insisted it was a plot by Western multinationals to subvert Indian culture and promote foreign goods.

The writer is an independent journalist and historian living in London.

Key Representative Rates

Rate	Change
U.S. Dollar NIS 3.2470	-0.00
Swiss Franc NIS 4.4811	-0.18
German mark NIS 2.1450	-0.94

Investment guru thrives in untamed Russian markets

SAO PAULO, Brazil (Reuter) - When veteran investor Mark Mobius looks at the world, he sees emerging tigers, slow-turning battleships, and plenty of risk - and he loves it.

"We thrive on unpopularity. If everybody else is buying, there's no opportunity," said Mobius, who circles the globe in search of bargains for the Templeton global funds under his management with assets of about \$10 billion.

Born on Long Island near New York City and now a German citizen based in Hong Kong, the 60-year-old Mobius has gained fame for shrewd stock picks in exotic markets, such as India and Vietnam, which are still shunned by most investors.

Mobius, in Sao Paulo this week visiting companies and promoting his book, "The Investor's Guide to Emerging Markets," said in an interview that the world is waking up to the promise of developing markets.

"These markets have gotten more liquid and more transparent. Prices are going up, but we will continue to find opportunities," said Mobius, dapper in a yellow suit and cobalt blue shirt and with a shiny bald head.

With the collapse of the Soviet Union and a worldwide shift away from closed socialist-style economies, emerging markets are attracting large institutional investors and fund managers combing the globe for higher returns.

But the change is not coming overnight. And while the global trend toward free markets is widely seen as irreversible, officials in the developing world are not always thrilled to see investors like Mobius and his team arrive.

"A Russian official asked one of my analysts, 'So, is your capitalist destruction of our economy on schedule?' My analyst said, 'Actually, it's ahead of schedule,'" Mobius joked.

Still, investors used to trading in US, European, and Japanese markets will find it disconcerting when they venture into Africa, Asia and Latin America where the rules are often murky and regulation thin, he said.

"Corporate governance, minority rights, transparency, surveillance and compliance. These will be big shockers," he said.

They are not, of course, shockers for Mobius, a 30-year veteran of global investment fund management.

Mobius now manages 33 Templeton funds with stock and cash investments in 40 countries, including Hong Kong, Brazil, Argentina and Mexico. When he joined Templeton International in 1987, the firm had investments in just seven countries.

Templeton has since become part of the Franklin Templeton Group of Funds, based in San Mateo, Calif., whose 120 mutual funds with more than \$169 billion in assets rank it as the fifth-largest fund company in the United States.

While some nations like Taiwan, South Korea and Indonesia, the so-called Asian tigers, have seen swift, dramatic economic change, others, such as Brazil, have made the transition to market-based economies more slowly.

"Brazil is like a big battleship," Mobius said. "It's slow in turning around, but that's healthy because once you get it going in the right direction, you know you have a consensus."

Mobius, who has lived in Asia for 30 years, embodies the frenetic pace of the Far East's emerging markets. Known for racking up frequent-flyer miles, he is said to rarely sleep in the same country more than two or three days in a row.

His schedule changes so frequently that his Brazilian hosts at Sao Paulo's Banco Tendencia were not even sure where he was off to next.

"He may be going to Argentina, but we're not sure," a Tendencia official said.

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Multi-sided trading						Two-sided trading											
Commercial Banks	Industrials	P&G	Phar	Phar	Phar	AFTERNOON						MORNING					
Name	Price	Change	Name	Price	Change	Name	Price	Change	Volume	Price	Change	Volume	Price	Change	Volume		
Bank Leumi	1432	-3.5	Bank Hapoalim	1280	-0.4	Bank Mizrahi	1180	-0.3	Bank Leumi	1432	-3.5	Bank Hapoalim	1280	-0.4	Bank Mizrahi	1180	-0.3

Shares fall as central bank lets rates stand

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

FELICE MARANZ

Index	Value	Change
Two-Sided Index	196.78	-0.72%
Maof Index	206.25	-0.79%

SHARES fell amid expectations the Bank of Israel's benchmark interest rate would change little when the central bank announced its monetary policy for December. After Tel Aviv Stock Exchange closed for the day, the central bank said that, as expected, it will not change the rate at which it lends to banks, leaving it at 15.25 percent.

Clal Electronics Industries rose after Applied Materials, the world's largest maker of semiconductor-manufacturing equipment, said it would buy a company in which Clal Electronics holds a stake. The stock gained 2% after announcing it expected to receive \$50 million for its 31% stake in Opal Inc., which makes microscope systems.

Ormat Industries, a Yavne-based company, also rose after it said it expects a subsidiary to receive \$16.5m. from the sale of its stake in Orbot Instruments to Applied Materials.

Materials. Orbot makes optical inspection systems. Ormat's shares rose 5.5%.

The Maof index of 25 issues fell 0.79% to 206.25 and the Two-sided index of 100 issues fell 0.72% to 196.78. The general bond index fell 0.16%.

Of 973 shares trading across the exchange, as many shares rose as fell. Some NIS 60.6m. of shares changed hands, NIS 5.5m. below yesterday's level.

Exportor Israel Chemicals Ltd. declined 1.25%, which Meytes said may be more indicative of future earnings expectations for the company than the third-quarter earnings it announced yesterday.

The chemical manufacturer fell after it said third-quarter profits rose 162% compared to the same quarter last year and stood at \$17.6m. Sales rose 16% to \$415.2m. (Bloomberg)

Eurobourses gain as London inflation fears dim

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - European bourses traded bullishly yesterday, with Frankfurt and Amsterdam closing floor transactions at record highs. London ended only 19 points short of its intra-day peak on the eve of the British budget.

In London leading stocks ended 36 points up as their momentum from Friday's dramatic rise followed through amid subsiding fears of an inflationary budget today and after Wall Street nudged through its previous trading high.

The FTSE 100 index ended 35.9 points higher at 4,054.6.

In Frankfurt, the 30-share DAX index closed up 35.50 at 2,799.19.

The market was boosted by Deutsche Telekom, floated last week in the largest share sale in European history. It was the heaviest-traded stock and ended up 3 percent as initial profit-taking waned.

On the Paris bourse, French shares headed higher to put on nearly 1% after a climb on Friday of 0.98%. The CAC-40 share index finished up 21.67 at 2,277.14.

Dow eclipses 6,500 mark

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Blue-chip shares extended November's rally yesterday, boosting the Dow Jones industrial average above 6,500 for the first time, as interest rates fell in bond trading.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 76.03 points to close at 6,547.79, en route to its 12th record close in the last 14 sessions and bringing the year's gain to about 28 percent.

Broader measures also set new highs, led by banks and other financial services issues that would benefit from the improving interest rate environment.

The yield on the 30-year Treasury bond touched last week's eight-month low at 6.40 percent before settling at about 6.42%, down from 6.44% late Friday.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by 11-to-6 on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,649 up, 904 down and 796 unchanged.

The Nasdaq composite rose 6.15 to 1,280.51, and the American Stock Exchange's market value index fell 2.61 to 588.16.

CURRENCY CROSS-RATES

MARK	STERLING	YEN	SFR	FFr
STERLING	2.541525	188.0517	2.146897	8.500797
YEN	1.390918	0.531319	1.141327	4.572867
SFR	118.2739	0.462258	0.75459	4.032281
FFr	0.295255	0.116168	21.8388	24.948501

Prices from 23:00 local time

BARAK

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Barak is demanding to have the convention and primaries at the same time, rather than on two separate and costly occasions. He suspects Ramon, Beilin and the others of scheming to pass a decision at the convention to postpone the leadership showdown indefinitely, and insists the leadership showdown be held no later than June 3, as specified by the party constitution.

Sources close to Barak said he would accept the compromise and have the convention before the primaries, if the MKs in the rival camp promise not to try to postpone the leadership showdown there.

Sources close to Barak reacted angrily to Ramon and his people's calling Barak overly suspicious. They noted Barak had plenty to be suspicious about, since these people were trying to trick him and cause trouble between him and Peres, and were constantly hinting that Barak wanted to get rid of Peres.

The sources attacked Ramon for hinting that Barak's position would lead to a split in the party, noting that "it is strange that Ramon should threaten a split, in view of the disastrous results of his splitting from the party to run in the Histadrut. Today it is clear that Ramon's devastation of the Histadrut cost Labor those 30,000 votes required to win the elections."

Sources close to Barak said although he has the support of the majority of the central committee members, many might be embarrassed to vote against Peres openly.

NETZARIM

(Continued from Page 1)

Kostiner said life in the settlement has returned to normal, although "the tension in Gaza and Netzarim is high, and I think it will take a few days before it returns to what it was prior to Sunday."

Kostiner said he was told by the IDF commander of the region that "if this happens again, we will open the road at any cost."

The Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, which had planned to block a number of roads in the territories as a retaliatory measure yesterday morning, called off this action at the request of the Prime Minister's Office.

The road from the Netzarim junction to the Mediterranean Sea passes within a few meters of the settlement, and has been closed to all but Jewish traffic since a suicide attack killed three soldiers there in November 1994.

In a related development, some 60 cars belonging to settlers from Nahliel, Talmon, and Dolev blocked the Beitunia-Mahaneh Ofer road west of Ramallah yesterday to protest what they said is a dramatic increase in rock-throwing incidents on that road, which links the settlements northwest of Ramallah with Jerusalem.

Liat Collins and Irim contributed to this report.

Cuba woos foreign business

HAVANA (Reuter) - Cuba said yesterday it increasingly appreciated the role of small or medium-sized businesses in its economy, including those involved in foreign investment on the island.

Foreign Investment Minister Ibrahim Ferradaz told a business seminar Cuba had moved away from a policy of large-scale enterprises toward favoring smaller firms.

Some 400 large state-owned firms were turned into 4,000 much smaller farm cooperatives in the last few years, he said.

Small to medium-sized state firms in the pharmaceuticals and biotechnology sector have been efficient in developing vaccines, he added.

Ferradaz said more than three-quarters of the 260 joint ventures and economic associations with foreign firms in Cuba involved investments no larger than \$5 million.

Ferradaz spoke at the start of a meeting in Havana sponsored by the European Union and organized with the European Association of Small and Medium-Sized Businesses.

Cuba sought technology, capital and access to foreign markets from its joint ventures, the minister said.

But he indicated that for the moment at least, Cuba's interest in smaller firms was confined either to the state sector - foreign investment has been in joint ventures with state-owned firms - or to areas where the state continues to exert some control, such as the farm cooperatives.

Ferradaz later told reporters that there were "hundreds" of such firms in the country, including the cooperatives that are supplied by the state and are obliged to provide the state with fixed quotas of produce, which limits their autonomy.

The only private enterprises permitted are small private farms and businesses run by people who are self-employed. This category is strictly regulated to ensure it remains just that - with no employment by individuals of other individuals.

Foreign observers of the Cuban economy have said the island should start allowing private firms as a next step in economic reforms.

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'Modesty Squad' attacks haredi woman who sheltered friend

Neighbors, passersby look on as assailant flees scene

A HAREDI woman was recovering in the hospital yesterday after a masked haredi thug entered her home and beat her, apparently because she was sheltering a mother of 12 whose husband initiated divorce proceedings against her.

After the intruder beat her with a rolling pin all over her body on Sunday evening, he fled, but was not stopped by dozens of Geula quarter neighbors and passersby who assembled on her doorstep.

Jerusalem police spokesman Shmuel Ben-Ruby said police had five haredi suspects and would soon apprehend them.

Dalia Batzon, 37, a mother of six, was treated in the emergency room of Hadassah-University Hospital in Ein Kerem where she was sent after notifying police on Sunday night.

She said the "modesty squad" in the area threatened last week that they would "kill" her and "make it look like an accident" if she con-

JUDY SIEGEL

tinued to harbor a 46-year-old haredi woman in her apartment. Then, on Sunday, she heard a "soft knock" on her door and opened it, thinking it was one of her daughters returning from a friend's house.

A "very thin man 1.75 or 1.80 meters tall" wearing a stocking cap over his face pushed his way in, hitting her with the rolling pin and pressing it against her neck. She was alone in the house with the other woman, who telephoned the police twice saying "a murder is going on."

Batzon, who suffered bruises all over her body, said the attacker "lay on top of me and bit me, and then I sat on top of him. These people say touching a woman is forbidden, but for this brute, lying on top of me was kosher. I could feel his *payot* (sidecurls) under the stocking cap but could not pull it off to see

his face. Then, when he saw he couldn't finish me off, he ran away. The neighbors, afraid of the modesty squad, just parted to let him go through."

The victim said the woman she has sheltered for four months was her former partner in a textile import business. Batzon's husband, a scribe in Mea She'arim, supported her charitable act, giving the woman one of their three rooms and free board.

The textile business closed when the older woman's husband of 25 years filed for a divorce, "even though it was he who had committed adultery. He was supposedly a yeshiva student, and from a well-known family, but he stayed at home all day, and last Tisha Be'av, he beat her."

Batzon noted that a planned shelter for battered haredi women has not opened yet, thus she had no alternative but to help her friend.



Mother of six Dalia Batzon recovers from an attack, apparently by the 'modesty squad' over sheltering a woman, at Hadassah-University Hospital in Ein Kerem. (Issac Harel)

Ben-Ruby did not confirm that the attacker was from the reputed "modesty squads" operating in the

haredi community, but said complaints by the haredi community against its own are rare.

20,000 complaints of domestic violence filed in '95

SOME 20,000 domestic violence complaints were filed last year, 15,500 of them by women. This year there has been an increase in the number of complaints filed by men, but a drop in those filed by women, according to Supt. Sando Mazar, head of the police investigations branch.

According to statistics, each year about a dozen women are murdered by their spouses. Mazar said he would commission a study of such cases to see if abuse complaints had been filed beforehand, and whether these were properly handled.

Mazar, who was addressing a WIZO-organized study day in Tel Aviv yesterday to mark International Prevent Domestic Violence Day, said many women do not file complaints about such abuse, while 17 percent of complaints are mutual.

Mazar said the attitude among police toward domestic violence had changed since 1990 from a more forgiving one, to one more intent on enforcing the law.

The question of whether or not there should be a minimum sentence for domestic violence was raised at the gathering. State Attorney Edna Arbel said that, while such a thing runs counter to the Israeli judicial system, she would support legislation to set minimum sentences for sex crimes and domestic violence, which would still leave the judge latitude.

WEATHER

Forecast: Night rain, lower temperatures

AROUND THE WORLD

City	Low	High	Wind	Cloud
Amsterdam	05	08	SE	partly
Berlin	05	07	SE	clear
Buenos Aires	11	22	SE	clear
Caracas	21	32	SE	cloudy
Chicago	01	04	SE	cloudy
Copenhagen	01	04	SE	cloudy
Frankfurt	01	04	SE	cloudy
Geneva	02	05	SE	rain
Hamburg	01	04	SE	cloudy
Hong Kong	21	24	SE	clear
Jakarta	21	24	SE	partly
London	05	08	SE	clear
Los Angeles	07	11	SE	cloudy
Madrid	06	11	SE	cloudy

Winning cards

IN yesterday's daily Chance drawing, the winning cards were the 8 of spades, the 10 of hearts, the king of diamonds and the queen of clubs.

Sanctions effective against men who refuse to divorce wives

EVELYN GORDON

A NEW law enabling rabbinical courts to impose sanctions on men who refuse to divorce their wives has proven effective when used, but many rabbinical courts make little use of it, the Knesset Law Committee was told yesterday.

The law, passed about a year-and-a-half ago, enables the rabbinical courts to impose a variety of sanctions, including confiscating the recalcitrant husband's passport or driver's license, denying him the right to practice certain professions, shutting down his bank account or even putting him in prison.

Rabbi Eli Ben-Dahan, director of the rabbinical courts, told the committee that one or more of these sanctions has been applied 50 times over the past year-and-a-half. In 18 of these 50 cases, the man has since agreed to grant his wife a divorce. This represents a success rate of some 36%, which is by itself an improvement with respect to hard-core cases, he said. However, he added, in many

other cases the courts have found that the mere threat of imposing sanctions is sufficient.

Committee members, however, were disturbed by the fact that only a few rabbinical courts made much use of the law. Of the 50 cases in which sanctions were imposed, 18 were heard by one panel in Haifa, and 10 by the special rabbinical court in Jerusalem. Only in 12 of the 50 cases did any other court make use of these sanctions, and many courts - including the regular rabbinical court in Jerusalem, the Beer Sheva court and six of the seven panels on the Tel Aviv court - made no use of these sanctions at all.

Ben-Dahan said he believed this was partly because many rabbinical judges are still not comfortable with the new law, and partly because many lawyers and rabbinical pleaders are not aware that they can now request the imposition of sanctions. He said he did not know what percentage of requests for sanctions were granted.

Officers: Reserve dodgers could affect war readiness

LIAT COLLINS

MEMBERS of the Forum of Reserve Battalion Commanders presented the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday with statistics on motivation and evasion of service of reserve soldiers, claiming the problem is so bad that in the event of war the effect could be felt in the field.

Lt.-Col. (res.) Arieh Neiger, battalion commander of a paratrooper unit, said "tens of thousands of soldiers a year get out of reserve duty on some pretext or another. Only 10 percent of healthy men who are fit for service do reserve duty, so the burden falls on a minority."

According to the figures presented, of the hundreds of thousands of soldiers fit for reserve duty, 8.6 percent are fit for combat units but only 76 percent of them are called for service and a quarter of those have some form of exemption.

MK Ori Orr (Labor) said if all the men who could serve in the army were inducted, and if all did full service of at least 30 months, there would be no need for reserve duty other than for training practice. He specifically mentioned haredim, hesder units and Nahal soldiers. This statement got a mixed review from the MKs.

The forum officers said soldiers who do reserve duty are made to feel like suckers, instead of feeling honored. They said a growing number of employers preferred not to give work to those people likely to be called up for long peri-

ods of combat reserve duty; some illegally fired reserve soldiers while they are on active duty; and some academic institutes including the Technion are causing students to fail a year if they are unable to take exams because of reserve duty.

The forum presented several suggestions, including financial benefits for service and preventing discrimination in academic institutions against reservists who miss exams.

The MKs agreed with the forum's suggestions and are considering setting up a subcommittee to investigate legislation and other methods of dealing with the problem.

One representative of the forum noted an experiment in which reservist drivers who asked for an exemption because they could not work behind the wheel had their drivers' licenses rescinded for a certain period. The IDF found the number of drivers requesting exemptions dropped drastically. The officers suggested similar ideas in other fields.

A brigadier general from the IDF Manpower Branch said the issue had been raised in the army more than two years ago. He agreed with the general picture presented and with the idea of financial compensation for service. He said although the numbers of military service evaders had increased recently, it had been greater during the intifada.

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